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SUBJECT: CONTACT INFO FOR GOE OFFICIALS

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**¶1.** In response to Reftel, Post provides the following contact information for Government of Ecuador leadership:

HEAD OF GOVERNMENT/STATE

LAST NAME: GUTIERREZ

FIRST NAME: LUCIO

TITLE: PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2580833 / 2588888

CELL: (593)94-236187

COMMENTS: GUTIERREZ SPEAKS BASIC ENGLISH, STRONGLY PREFERS SPANISH. PRIVATE SECRETARY IS MONICA ACOSTA (593)94-236187; AIDE IS RAFAEL POVEDA, (593)2450145 (EITHER RECEIVES AFTER-HOURS CALLS)

VICE PRESIDENT

LAST NAME: PALACIO

FIRST NAME: DR. ALFREDO (MD)

TITLE: VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2584242 / 2584280

CELL: (593)99-663246 (SECRETARY: MARIA LUISA TAPIA, BEST FOR AFTER HOURS CALLS)

COMMENTS: PALACIO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. TRAVELS

FREQUENTLY TO USA ON PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES. AIDE IS ROBERT

PINZON, (593-2) 2584242 / 2584421.

INTERIOR MINISTER

LAST NAME: DAMERVAL

FIRST NAME: JAIME

TITLE: MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2958642 / 2958652

COMMENTS: DAMERVAL SPEAKS BASIC ENGLISH, STRONGLY PREFERS SPANISH. SECRETARIES ARE ZORAYA FLORES, ALICIA DE LLENARES (593-2) 2584919.

FOREIGN MINISTER

LAST NAME: ZUQUILANDA

FIRST NAME: PATRICIO

TITLE: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2993201 / 02 / 03 / 04

CELL: (593)96-005801 (SECRETARY: ANA CECILIA)

COMMENTS: ZUQUILANDA SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. CHIEF OF STAFF IS MINISTER JOSE SANDOVAL (593)98-504253 (AFTER HOURS). MFA

SWITCHBOARD OPEN 0800-2000.

DEFENSE MINISTER

LAST NAME: HERRERA

FIRST NAME: NELSON

TITLE: MINISTER OF DEFENSE

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2587197 / 2284107

COMMENTS: HERRERA SPEAKS BASIC ENGLISH, STRONGLY PREFERS SPANISH. JUDITH AGUIRRE IS PRIVATE SECRETARY (593)99-667441 (AFTER HOURS).

LAST NAME: A-BAKI

FIRST NAME: IVONNE

TITLE: MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE AND COMMERCE

OFFICE PH: (593-2) 2906127 / 2505072 / 2509804

CELL: (592) 98-201348 (SECRETARY: ALICIA DE URIARTE, RECEIVES AFTER-HOURS CALLS)

COMMENTS: A-BAKI SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO USA.

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